



# MONROE THIS WEEK

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*Thank you for reading Monroe This Week.*

*This week's edition includes details on our local recognition of Memorial Day, an extension of the Downtown Fee Waiver Program, the approval of the Human Services Needs Assessment, a save the date for the Monroe Sip and Shop, the announcement of the Music in the Park lineup, and a recap of the Opening Day of the Monroe Farmer's Market.*



*Please contact me with any and all feedback regarding the articles below. I can be reached at [GThomas@MonroeWA.gov](mailto:GThomas@MonroeWA.gov).*

*Yours in Service,*

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas

## CITY AND NATION TO RECOGNIZE MEMORIAL DAY THIS MONDAY

This coming Monday, May 31, is the annual Memorial Day holiday. Observed on the last Monday of May, Memorial Day is a federal holiday to honor and remember those who have died while serving in the Armed Forces. We must never forget that while we go about our daily lives, we do so thanks to the members of our Armed Forces who are at work in dangerous and challenging conditions to protect us, our liberties, and our interests. Today I issued a [Proclamation](#) recognizing Memorial Day here in the City of Monroe. This Memorial Day, please take a moment to remember those service members who we've lost, and their families.



On Monday morning, I will be laying a flower wreath at the Veterans Memorial Monument at Lake Tye Park, and VFW Post 7511 will lay a wreath at the IOOF Cemetery at 10:00 a.m. The VFW invites residents to join them in-person or [online](#).

## DOWNTOWN PERMIT FEE WAIVER PROGRAM EXTENDED

Based on the City of Monroe Downtown Master Plan, the City has taken action to support private investment in downtown, to create an attractive and unique place for people to shop and dine, and to create community space for events. While permits are still needed, to encourage private investment in Downtown Monroe, the City had enacted a waiver of permit fees in the [Downtown Planning Area](#), which was to expire on June 14. To continue to encourage private investment, especially in light of COVID-19, on May 25 the City Council passed [Ordinance 003/2021](#), extending the waiver for an additional year. Permit fees are now waived through June 14, 2022. A [brochure](#) is available detailing our downtown and the fee waiver program. I encourage anyone considering investment in downtown to review the brochure and to utilize the contact information found inside for the City's Permit Center and Economic Development Specialist to learn about opportunities in the area. Additional information is also available on the City's Economic Development [website](#).

## DOWNTOWN PERMIT FEE WAIVER

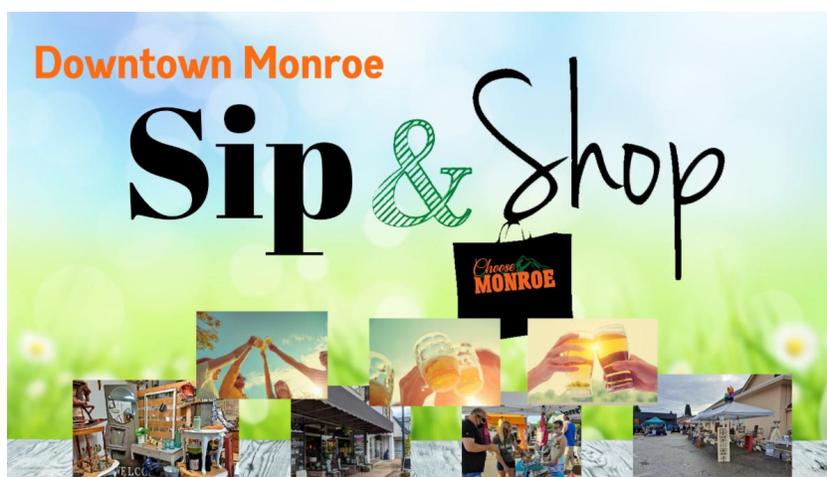
## CITY COUNCIL APPROVES HUMAN SERVICES NEEDS ASSESSMENT

At its May 25 Regular Business Meeting, the City Council approved a contract with Kulik Strategic Advisors (KSA) to perform a Human Services Community Needs Assessment and Facilitated Program Development. This project was recommended to the City by the Community Human Services Advisory Board (CHSAB) as a step toward the implementation of the Homelessness Policy Advisory Committee recommendations. The City issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) on March 1, 2021 and received three responses. A review committee consisting of CHSAB members, Monroe residents, and City staff reviewed the responses and recommended two firms be interviewed. Following the interviews, KSA was identified as providing the strongest proposal to complete the work within budget. KSA will engage with the community, and deliver to the City a written report detailing the services available in the Sky Valley and current service gaps.



## SAVE THE DATE: MONROE SIP AND SHOP NEXT WEEK

The Monroe Chamber of Commerce is excited to present Downtown Monroe's first Sip & Shop event next week, June 4 and 5. West Main Street from Lewis Street to Blakeley Street in Downtown Monroe will be closed for a street festival full of food, vendors & music. Saturday, June 5 the event will include a Beer Garden with locally made beer, wine, and spirits. Come out, grab a drink, shop, and explore downtown Monroe.



## SUMMER MUSIC IN THE PARK LINEUP ANNOUNCED

The Monroe Chamber of Commerce has announced the lineup for this

year's [Music in the Park](#) series. Taking place on the four Fridays in July, Music in the Park will feature a musical act and an on-site food truck each week at Lake Tye Park. The full 2021 lineup is:



**Artist:**

- July 9: Megs McLean (country)
- July 16: Stacy Jones Band (blues)
- July 23: BroHaMm (R&B-Motown)
- July 30: The Aphrodisiacs (Disco)

**Food Truck:**

- Buddy Burger
- Big Dog's
- Anthony's Finn
- Seoul Bowl

The beer garden and food trucks will open each week at 6:30 p.m., and the music starts at 7:00 p.m.

## FARMERS MARKET OPENING DAY A ROUSING SUCCESS

The [Monroe Farmers Market](#) opened for the season on Wednesday, May 26 to impressive numbers. 75 vendors welcomed Market patrons, and according to figures provided by the Monroe Chamber of Commerce, approximately \$67,500 was spent on local products. The Farmers Market will take place every Wednesday afternoon from 2:30 to 7:00 p.m. through September 1. Next Wednesday, June 2, County Councilmember Sam Low will present a Resolution declaring the month of June as Farmers Market Month in Snohomish County.



## UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The June 1, 2021 Monroe City Council Study Session Meeting has been CANCELLED.

The City Council will next meet in a Regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, June 8, 2021. The meeting will be held via the Zoom remote meeting platform and participation information will be posted with the June 8 agenda, which can be accessed by clicking the button below.

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